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## TRADE AND THE CANAL.

The argument of J. F. Wallace, formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, that the opening of that waterway will win for the port of Vancouver the trade of the Philippines and Hawaii as well as that of the exporting American northwest, appears to rest on a theory which leaves some very practical barriers out of consideration. The part referred to follows:

Vancouver no doubt will derive the greatest amount of benefit from the opening of the Panama canal, and is destined, in my opinion, to be one of the greatest cities in the western coast of North America. It will be the great port of entry and export, through which the traffic of the marvelous and fertile Northwest will flow not only to and from Europe, but to and from the Orient, which trade will doubtless increase through an awakened China.

This port may eventually command the entire trade between the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, and the northern central portion of the United States, due to the fact that the present traffic between the United States, Hawaiian Islands, and the Philippines is classed as coastwise trade and carried in American bottoms.

Very likely Vancouver will do some new business. It gets part of the Oriental trade now and may have more, but the Oriental shippers, in dealing with Europe and Eastern America, may take the canal route to save the cost of transshipment and rail. And as to the products of Northwestern American farms, if the matter of trade to escape the Canadian tariff is required, they will be likely to seek an outlet to the canal by way of the Northern Pacific and the American Sound ports.

As to Hawaii, why should its trade be through Vancouver, where there is a tariff, than via American mainland ports where there is no tariff? Passengers might sometimes go that way, as they now do, but without large trade passengers are not particularly sought by steamship lines. Vessels carrying on any trade of the Orient via Vancouver would not stop at Honolulu at all, owing to distance and delay, the prescribed route being the great circle. Thus there could be no competition requiring the excision of our coastwise laws. Under reciprocity with Canada there might have been, but Canada chose to throw reciprocity overboard. Much as many of us dislike the coastwise laws, we prefer them to Canadian tariff bars.

## RALLY TO CARTERISM!

It is time for the warm friends of the old Territorial administration to rally to its support. Its head, ex-Governor Carter, has been out of office for a long time now, except as chief of the Sanitary Commission and adviser in the banana crusade and Jack has only held a planter's commission in Siberia. It is time both returned to high official posts. There is no disagreement in these respects by either gentleman, and all that is needed to make the deal go through is a party uprising in his favor. Mr. Carter would like to be Delegate in Congress even if Kuhio becomes governor. Indeed he is trying to get Fretout so that Kuhio can have something to his taste. Jack is willing to simply manage our politics as national committeeman. If he can only do that, he is sure that he can get what he wants in future.

But if these inspiring things can be done there will have to be more ginger in the popular end of the campaign. The people, the rank and file of the party, are not rising as they should, with spontaneous huzzas. And some of them even look as if they were stupefied. This is no way to greet the prospect of a Carter redivivus. It is no way to act when the chance comes to get back the leadership of the old administration. Those who want our interests at Washington run in the real Carter way, and those who want everything else managed by the rest of his administration, with Kuhio as the figurehead, rise and show his hand. Don't keep it clenched, as now! Get up and do something encouraging! If you don't Carter may resign anything he gets as soon as he gets it.

## THE FRIAR LANDS.

The relation of Honolulu investors to the Philippine land problem gives local interest to the fact that the House committee on insular affairs has favorably reported the bill to remove the ambiguity of Section 65 of the Philippine organic act, relative to the disposition of these lands. This question, raised at the close of the Sixtieth session, resulted in an investigation extending over almost the entire period of the Sixty-first Congress, more than 1300 pages of printed testimony being taken at the hearings. The result of this investigation was that while nobody was charged with wrongful acts—the committee being unanimous in this decision—it was deemed advisable to more definitely state the language of the law to prevent future similar misunderstandings.

As to the future disposition of these lands, and the necessity for the proposed amendment to the organic act, the majority committee report says:

"The fact that the proceeds of the sales of the friar lands are to be devoted to the payment of the 'friar-land bonds' cannot, in the opinion of this committee, justify their sale in immense tracts for purposes of exploitation. These sales of these lands to aliens in vast bodies and for purposes of exploitation cannot be approved upon the sole ground that, although the interest upon the bonds sold to purchase them must be promptly met, they are lying idle and are therefore unremunerative. Hever desirable it may be to reduce as rapidly as possible the interest charges on these bonds, and to provide through a sinking fund for the final extinguishment of the principal, the conditions which led to their purchase, and the ends sought to be attained, must not be forgotten, nor the best interests of the Philippine people left out of consideration. It is far more important to guard against the exploitation of the natural resources of the Philippine Islands, especially to prevent the public domain from being acquired by a few men representing great foreign capitalists and syndicates, thereby reducing the condition of the native inhabitants to one of penonage. A just regard for the obligation which the United States have assumed with respect to the people of the Philippine Islands should constrain Congress to provide by every possible means against further exploitation of the friar lands.

"The needs of the Philippine Government are not such as to make the sale of the remaining friar lands in large tracts a financial necessity. We are told in the last report of the Secretary of War that there has recently been great advance in the material prosperity of the islands. The net revenues of the islands for the last fiscal year were larger than ever before, and the public treasury is in a healthy and most satisfactory condition. Indeed, so satisfactory are financial conditions that the Secretary of War is asking Congress to authorize the Philippine Government to increase the limit of bonded indebtedness of the islands from \$5,000,000 for the construction of public works, the amount now permitted, to \$15,000,000. These marked evidences of prosperity would seem to indicate that there was no pressing necessity for the immediate sale of the remaining friar lands in large tracts, even from the standpoint of the needs of the insular treasury. Nor is it apparent that the limit of sixteen hectares to one individual, as fixed in the organic act, and which, in the opinion of this committee, applies to all lands owned by the Philippine Government wherever acquired, ought to be increased. The policy adopted by Congress, now nearly twelve years ago, of preserving the Philippines for the Filipinos was wise and humane and, in the judgment of the committee, there have been no changes in the then existing conditions which now warrant a departure therefrom."

Mr. Hearst is naturally favorable to Champ Clark. For years Clark wrote amazing yellow stuff for Hearst's papers and, if made president, would be quite to Hearst's taste. A yellow chief magistrate could be depended on to make news; and of this, Hearst, even if not in the cabinet, would have the inside track.

It is always an open season for negroes in Kentucky, even in a courtroom.

Walt Mason  
The Poet Philosopher

Life is short—I've much to do—so I can't sit round with you putting up a line of wallings, talking of some fellow's failings, thrashing o'er the Situation that is threatening our nation! Life is short and I am busy writing verses dull and dizzy, that the frau may have a bonnet with a large stuffed rooster on it, and I haven't time for fussing o'er the government or cussing misfit laws which knock the people higher than the village steeple! Lift is short, its thread is slender, and I'm busting a suspender, fairly tearing up the trackage to accumulate a package, so that when I'm old and hoary I can live in pomp and glory. So that when at last I'm planted my fat ghost will not be haunted by a hungry widow's sighing—so I haven't time for crying o'er the nation's chronic troubles, o'er the "peepul's" busted bubbles. Life is short and men are fooling time away in empty drooling over things that don't concern them, dodging fires that ne'er will burn them.

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It's a lucky warship which can get away from Honolulu without secret orders.

As a great work of peace the Panama canal isn't beginning to loom up as it should.

Roosevelt is now California's choice as the hope of the white race.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JAMES DOUGHERTY—If the rain holds off, the performance of "Pinocchio" will surely be a great success.

A. W. BROWN—The Floral Parade should be better even than that of last year. All we want is fine weather and a joy-seeking bunch of people.

K. LAIWA—When I entered the postoffice fourteen years ago the average number of sacks of mail per day for the coast was seven. Now it is seventy.

L. G. BLACKMAN—We are working hard on our floats for the Floral Parade, at the Honolulu School for Boys. We shall enter two—a classical and a comic one.

DR. PRATT—When one man can get 85 per cent credits in an examination, and another man only gains 19, it shows the difference in the make-up of people.

S. T. STARRETT—The new system of local fruit inspection is going to solve the banana difficulties. The oriental growers now realize that they must clean up or quit and they are conforming to the new conditions.

A. F. WALL—The last details in the preparation of the Floral Parade are complete and we are just waiting for the sun to come out. The Japan Francisco, without a doubt.

THE ARMY WIRELESS STATION  
CONSTRUCTION MEETS SETBACKNational Guard Drills Are Interesting  
and Effective—Delay in Torpedo  
Station Boat House—Col.  
Mansfield's Disability

The wireless station for the army has been excused as it comes on the 22nd. And the probability is that the First Infantry will have practical marching and drilling as members of the grand military pageant, for Geo. Washington's birthday anniversary sufficient for one day.

There were a number of interested visitors to witness the good drills of the National Guard at their last drill night.

Wilder Temporarily Commands. Colonel Wilber E. Wilder, Fifth Cavalry, the ranking Colonel at the Leleleha reservation, next to the present commandant is acting brigade commander of Schofield Barracks.

Colonel Francis W. Mansfield, Second Infantry, is on sick report. So the duties of the large post are assumed by the Colonel of the Fifth Cavalry, temporarily.

Colonel Mansfield is suffering somewhat with his eyes but will soon be all right.

Boathouse Delayed.

The building of the boathouse at Fort Armstrong has been temporarily delayed on account of needed building material failing to arrive when expected from the Coast.

This house over the water is being constructed at the concrete pile wharf, for the torpedo station of this military department. The foundation of the boathouse stands on the Burbank concrete piles and is at the mauka side of the wharf.

Mr. Stephen F. Burbank, civil engineer and assistant to Major William P. Wooten, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, is in active charge of construction work at Fort Armstrong on the torpedo wharf and boathouse.

These concrete piles that are being made and have been used so successfully in many of the government's improvements at Pearl Harbor in the vicinity of Fort Kamehameha, and at Fort De Russy, are Mr. Burbank's own invention—a most valuable and progressive improvement in submarine

building and for wharves. They answer every requirement of the wooden pile formerly used, with none of the tree's failings.

The cypress, or any hard wood pile that may be used for wharf construction, had to be renewed after so many years' service in the water.

It is stated, after being thoroughly tested, that the Burbank piles become harder and firmer each year in the water. The action of the water seems to agree with them.

Almost two dozen of the extra length concrete piles are now ready for the completing of this torpedo wharf station. They are sixty feet long and sixty piles are needed. Mr. Burbank is constantly on duty at Fort Armstrong to see that the construction is carried out according to his ideas.

The boathouse will accommodate two small boats needed at this important army reservation by the sea.

TRAGEDY OF ONE  
POOR PUSSYKINS

Oh, the cat, the cat, the pesky mid-night cat.

Which warbles in the backyard 'till a soap-dish makes it seat;

It plays the very dickens with the seedlings and the chickens.

Till a "twenty-two" persuader lays it flat.

The fur flew and the fur will further fly.

Mrs. J. W. Pickard of Kaimuki this morning swore out a warrant calling for the arrest of Charles A. Seville of Eleventh avenue, Kaimuki, on a charge that he did maliciously injure and destroy certain personal property of hers, to wit, one tabby cat.

The story is said but interesting.

It appears that Seville is a chicken fancier, that is he fancies that his own chickens belong to him and not to the itinerant feline which may chance to prowls round in the still watches of the night.

Chickens had been going pretty fast with Seville. He suspected cats and lay in wait with a small-bore rifle from 9 p. m. till 4 a. m. one night, sheltering himself behind his hen-house.

In the sweet a. m. a cat happened along. Whether it was going home from the club or had designs on the hen-house Seville did not stop to consider.

He drew a deadly head and pussykins leaped high in the air, yowled a piercing yowl and bit the dust, the marks of its teeth being distinctly discernible.

Seville hid the evidence of his dark deed in the shade of a sheltering mango tree and went to bed, to sleep the sweet sleep of the avenged.

At breakfast next morning pussykins failed to show up for its regular ration of the Carnation cream and Mrs. Pickard smelt a rat, which, it is safe to say, she wouldn't have done had the cat been alive and on the job.

She went on a tour of investigation and looking over the fence which divided her property from Seville's, spied the freshly disturbed earth marking the grave of her beloved titmouse.

With Mrs. Pickard thought is action. Summoning a police officer to protect her should resistance be offered she entered the Seville yard and exhumed the body of the cat, which, fortunately, was still fresh, notwithstanding the warm weather.

Having identified her pet and given it decent burial Mrs. Pickard journeyed to town and obtained the warrant above-mentioned.

Judge Monarrat will listen to the details of the tragedy in the police court tomorrow morning and a large delegation of cat and chicken fanciers will undoubtedly be in attendance to watch the progress of the case.

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THE THEATERS

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It was not a lethargic audience that witnessed last night's production of "My Wife's Husband" in the Opera House by the Clarke Comedy Company. Not a dramatic point was missed by the fairly large audience.

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which was lavish in its applause. Dramatic situations are not frequent in "My Wife's Husband," for it is essentially a comedy, and in this connection Clarke did the major portion of the work. The plot is based on a blood-thirsty play written by Gregory Grayson, personated by Mr. Taylor. The play is an utter failure and worse, for the excited populace demand the author, and then, with its collective foot, so he alleges, it kicks him. The way the characters got mixed up and the trouble that each one goes through excited roars of laughter.

"My Wife's Husband" will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday "Strategy" will be produced. This will be the concluding piece of the season.

Fight Pictures Pack Savoy.

Crowded to the door with a fair sprinkling of the gentler sex was the condition of the Savoy last night when the first reel of the Johnson-Jeffries fight was unrolled. It was an interesting picture from beginning to end, giving the large audience an insight of the amount of interest that was taken in the combat.

Doric Trio Tonight!

The Doric Trio will be the big attraction at the Bijou tonight and those popular boys will no doubt be given a rousing reception. They arrived spic and span in the Wilhelmina this morning and immediately headed for the Bijou where the orchestra was awaiting them for their rehearsal. Those who were at the rehearsal say they are even better than when they were here last and predict a successful season for them as their songs are all of the latest.

Billy Rader, the soprano, will be heard in a classic and popular selections.

Hypnotism at Empire.

There was the usual amount of hilarity at the Empire last night, the audience entering thoroughly into the act produced by Professor Norwood.

This afternoon at three-thirty one of his subjects will be hypnotized and placed on a bicycle in the window of a King street store. He will ride in the window until eight o'clock, when he will be taken to the theater and be awakened from his travel.

CONFERENCE ON  
PAVING MATTER

This afternoon at 2 o'clock a conference began in the governor's office. The manager of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company, the company's attorneys, the superintendent of public works, the attorney general and the governor were in attendance. The reason of the meeting was to try and arrive at some conclusion regarding the settlement of the difficulty about paving the streets of the city, between the rolls of the rapid transit system. There have been several conferences on the subject, but no decision has been come to.

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